

**Attorney General's Office
Youth Internet Safety Task Force
April 2, 2008
Minutes**

Present: Theo Angelis, Greg Ayco, Gita Bangera, Oliver Bangera, Susan Dohrmann, Hunter Goodman, Johan Hellman, Sue Hotelling, Scott Huber, Chris Johnson (AGO), Chris Johnson (KCSARC), Lisa Johnson, Nicholas Lovrich, Tim Luckie, Rob McKenna, Lew McMurran, Jesse Regalado, Lana Weinmann

By Phone: Adam Agensky, Jerry Bender, Chuck Cosson, Kim Howard, Hemanshu Nigam, Deb Ramsey, Delee Shoemaker, Dennis Small, Brian Zwit, My space?

I. Presentation: Digital Forensics Training at the College Level (*Gita Bangera, Bellevue Community College*)

With a background in microbiology, Gita wants to explore ways she can get young people excited about science. Teaching is an excellent way to do this, but Gita has found that we have lost many students by the time they get to community college. So, the College is trying to connect high schoolers to science through programs such as Skwant Science Camp and Expand Your Horizons.

With a \$0.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation, she is bringing experiential knowledge to Bellevue Community College students. One program involves using a DNA sequencer to map the genome of a specific bacteria type that attacks crops. The data generated from this research will be eventually disseminated worldwide. BCC faculty is working with WSU on this and other projects, including cyber-criminology.

BCC also plans to increase outreach efforts to students, parents, and seniors. Washington could be a model for rest of country on how to do this type of program. Gita also hopes schools can begin to think bigger by training cyber-criminology researchers and by offering associate, bachelor and masters degrees in cybercrime. In the process, Gita says schools will learn what other needs should be filled in this area.

All YISTF members are invited to attend the Cyber-criminology Conference on June 12 from 8 am to 12 pm at the Cyber-Criminology Center at Bellevue Community College. Attorney General McKenna plans on attending this conference too. The conference represents the public-private partnerships in the field.

The Attorney General's Office comments that John Thielbahr is working with Gita to bring people together for curriculum and degrees and are keying off on traditional forensics lab training. Since the YISTF has talked about digital labs, we'd like institutional support at the conference.

Nicholas Lovrich said that the June 12 conference is the first time everyone has gotten together. The problem we are having with crime labs is that we don't have enough people with proper

backgrounds and it is hard to retain people (pay can be an issue). He feels this will only continue without education changes.

II. Report from the Education and Outreach Subcommittee (*Lew McMurran*)

Lew McMurran discussed that the subcommittee meet the week before and had discussed revamping their recommendations from last October to make them more actionable. The subcommittee also added various education constituencies to the group.

Dennis Small comments that framing this issue the right way with educators is important. Adding Internet safety to professional development is best.

III. Report from the Research Subcommittee

Because research chairs were unable to attend the meeting, Chris Johnson (AGO) comments that is a key element regarding commissioning and funding new research is to look at nongovernment perspectives of benchmarks. We should also have a peer review of the final report.

Development of an actual case scenario could also be a valuable tool because the Legislature makes decisions based on examples and actual case studies. MECTF a few years ago had a compelling example involving a Shelton man who tried to pick up a 14-year-old girl, who was really a WSP officer. We could also put together sort of a wish list.

Sue Hotelling notes that peer review is very important. Both the UK and Canada have good peer review models. Cybertip in Canada has a peer review group, the result of which allowed them to revamp their PSAs to better message to the target audience. Audience point-of-view is important.

IV. Report for the Law Enforcement Subcommittee (*Hunter Goodman, Theo Angelis, Lisa Johnson*)

The subcommittee representatives report that they plan to convene a workgroup to discuss the implementation of a digital forensics lab in Washington. We will have to decide what the model will be, the budget, efficacy, etc. New Hampshire and Arizona have good programs, and we plan to bring representatives from those states to Washington to discuss their models.

Lisa Johnson provided an overview of where the group is going. She mentions how law enforcement is crippled by a lack of ability to analyze electronic data. Not every jurisdiction can commit resources to digital labs, so many types of cases are prosecuted when it seems the case is based one person's word against another, but there could be actual digital evidence out there. These labs are critical. If law enforcement seizes a computer, they need to know it will be analyzed. Time is invaluable. We need commitment by the Legislature that we will have this. We may get broader legislative support if we combine lobbying for the digital lab with ID theft concerns, although certain personnel should be dedicated to addressing certain crimes.

Theo Angelis noted that we've had conversation with WSP and others, and he thinks we have a good plan to move forward with a regional forensics lab for our area. We won't supplant

anything already going on, but will add resources for child protection and ID theft. Although we have a tight timeframe, we are optimistic.

Nicholas Lovrich asked if the NH or AZ programs have training in the setting as a component. Such training ensures there are enough trained people to go around.

Theo Angelis did not think so but agrees the training would be interesting.

Sue Hotelling notes that NH trains the trainers and investigators, thus creating an imbedded training model.

Greg Ayco stated the need for procedures to be in place to make sure no predators get into the classes.

Lana Weinmann added that she attended the legislative law and justice day during session. Dan Satterberg stated to Governor Gregoire that he wants her commitment to a regional forensic lab. Gregoire stated that had wanted to do that as AG, so Lana said it sounds like we have the governor's commitment.

Lisa Johnson added that she has a one-pager about why we need forensics lab.

Hunter Goodman said Rob McKenna will speak to Chief Batiste about bring in the NH and AZ folks. The AGO will send dates to all members of task force. We won't let ourselves be limited by current WSP technology- we are dedicated to get this implemented.

V. Preparing the final recommendations/report

Hunter Goodman asks all task force members to review the timeline attached to their agendas. This timeline is a draft for where we would like to be on certain dates.

VI. Legislative Review (on minutes only- not presented at meeting)

The Legislature did not pass the two bills arising from the law enforcement subcommittee. The bills were widely supported, but were not voted out by legislative deadline due to time restraints. For the 2009 session, we plan to roll both bills into one and introduce the bill as agency request legislation again. The bill will (1) Create the crime of Viewing Depictions of Minors Engaged in Sexually Explicit Conduct, a class C felony and (2) Protect noncommissioned law enforcement personnel from prosecution when viewing depictions in the course of a sex-crimes investigation.

Next Meeting
Friday, May 30, 2008
10:00AM to 12:00 PM
Seattle Attorney General's Office